

Rotary Focus - *arotahi* Rotary

District 9980 Rotary Club of Waimate Newsletter - 2 November 2017



Apologies txt 027 6896006 by midday Wednesday



WaimateTrackways

Rotarian received a presentation from outgoing president Mark Gurnett and incoming president Glenda Begg. They gave some history of Trackways beginning, the work achieved to date and plans for the future.

To learn more about the beginning of Trackways read page 3 - Trackways 2008 AGM Chairmans Report. Brochures on current tracks are available from the Waimate Information Centre and if you are keen to be part of their future please talk to Glenda Begg.

Sergeant's Session

Tony - a week on the West Coast whitebaiting, Ryan doesn't know where his boys are, Chub - Tony met a man in Christchurch who knew Chub and said he is terrible with a whisky bottle, Colin - did he drive here and park in 30 minute parking. Pauline drove and duly paid, John C said the good buggars award should go to Jim Rayner as he had the idea to sell Eric Batchelor Place sections, Ian good to see you back at Rotary, Pauline and Jane attended the garden tour in Omarama, Grant has a keyless entry car but no keys, Donald not sitting at the right table, he used his card from last week, Dylan 1800 additional Police promised, everyone with gas heating (gas has been found off shore).

Notices

Raffle Winners - Ryan Luckman and Mick Laming

Anniversary: Peter and Jane Bell - 2 years

Ryan Luckman would like to know what club members will be **donating to the Foundation Night** club auction (23 November). The night with a Scottish theme will be held at the Event Centre.

The Invercargill Rotary Club has challenged our club to a **curling competition**. Details will follow.

49th Fishing Trip to the Lakes is 1 - 3 December

The **Whitehorse Big Easy** will be held on 8 April 2018. A committee to be formed and will start preparations soon.

Bruce The Conference in Dunedin May 2018 - A Brilliant Rotary Unique Conference Experience

WANTED

10KG of new potatoes for the auction night dinner.

Please let Russell know where he can get them from.



President Dylan expressed his thanks

to the volunteers who helped at the recent community events, Centrewood Fete, Waimate 50, Waimate Shears.

A reminder we have two more community events coming up, the Waimate Strawberry Fare and Christmas in the Park.



Professional Rotary Development

Join us on Sunday 10 December at St John's rooms, Waimate, 10am-3pm.

Learn how to engage members and gain valuable knowledge about all things Rotary.

Register today to Innes.helenm@hotmail.com

Parting Thought - Difficult roads often lead to wonderful destinations.

	9 November	16 November	23 November
Speaker	Club Night	Phil Melhopt Prime Port Timaru	Foundation Night @ The Event Centre
Chair	Ryan Luckman	Alan Maitland	
Fellowship	Grant Eames Raymond Francis	Martyn Jensen Ailsa McKenzie	International Committee
Stewards	Cara Gregan Raewyn Francis Dave Chamberlain	Jim Rayner Bev White Harvey Wood	International Committee

If you are unable to attend to your assigned duty please arrange to swap with someone else.
Partners, friends, family and potential members are most welcome at all meetings.

Rotary Youth Exchange

We have an opportunity to host a Chilean exchange student who is arriving in New Zealand January 2018.

Peter and Jane have offered to be the first host family and Dylan and Rebecca the last family so we are looking for two more families. Raewyn Frances has also offered to be counsellor for the student.

Please talk to Jane if you are interested in hosting or you know someone who may be.



Meals on Wheels Roster

Sat/Sun 4 & 5 Nov Mark Brown
 Mon 6 Nov Jim Rayner
 Tue/Wed 7 & 8 Nov Charles Ruddenklau
 Thu 9 Nov Chris Paul
 Fri 10 & Mon 13 Nov Jim Stevenson
 Sat/Sun 11 & 12 Nov Pip Wallace
 Tue/Wed 14 & 15 Nov Paul Studholme
 Thu/Fri 16 & 17 Nov Harvey Wood

Important Rotary Contacts

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District Governor - Bruce Cowan

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2017-18 President
Dylan Murray

Lionel Wilson - End Polio

Since 1988 we have seen a worldwide reduction in polio cases of 99.9%. There have been 12 cases of wild polio this year, 7 in Afganistan and 5 in Pakistan.

Help us Drop to Zero. We are that Close.

Check out the End Polio Now Clip at www.endpolio.org

There's been an amazing organisation that's been behind this... It was due to Rotary that the campaign was started.

Bill Gates on Eradicating Polio.



“Waimate Trackways Incorporated.”

First Annual General Meeting - Chairman's Report 25th August 2008

I feel it is important that I should give a brief explanation in our first Annual Report on how Waimate Trackways Inc. came about. The Waimate Trackways Inc. group was formed following analysis of the Waimate District Council's Sport & Recreation Plan. This excellent report was prepared by Karen Bekker after a considerable amount of consultation with the public of Waimate. One of the overriding conclusions was the people of Waimate felt walking and cycling were the most popular forms of recreational pastime to achieve a reasonable level of fitness. The Plan also showed there was a real desire for more opportunities to walk or cycle in safety in the Waimate District.

A community group was formed made up of a good mix of enthusiastic people who had a real desire to make something happen. This group have met regularly over the past two years working on rules for Incorporation, track possibilities, working with the Council on safety pathways, a vision for the future, and a mapping brochure of existing tracks which can be added to as new tracks are developed.

The vision is largely based on the vision of Bruce White, a retired farmer, who could see the huge possibilities in the varying landscapes around the Waimate District from the Hunters Hills, the many limestone bluff areas, the Waitaki River and Lake Wainono to develop a network of tracks suitable for walking and cycling. The vision is to promote Waimate as the fitness capital of New Zealand, to encourage our own people to become fitter and healthier and for our people to develop a love and appreciation of our land and nature and its many special characteristics. Our vision is to also promote Waimate as a great place for families to come and share and enjoy what Waimate has to offer.

We have been extremely fortunate that the Waimate District Council has shared our vision and come on board with the development of a network of safety tracks around the urban area. This has seen the track up Upper Parsonage Road become a major walking area and just recently the development of the Mill Road Track and Upper High street section which will link round to the Golf course car park. Then it is planned to link High Street with Mill road via Allen Street. Council have also put a culvert in the Garlands Road ford to allow for an extended period without getting feet wet. Point Bush Road has also seen road widening and a track put through the cutting. Many thanks go to Ann & Gary Dennison for assistance and making available some of their land to develop a turn around and car park at the start of the Whitehorse Walkway. Council is also planning next year to extend the footpath along Timaru Road to Bathgate's Road.

Council has also priced footbridges over the Waimate Creek on Point Bush Road and also beside the bridge on the Waihao Back road on the way to Knottingly Park. I would like to record my sincerest thanks to Rob Moffat, Graeme Hamilton and Andrew Hare from council for their support and willingness to help make things happen.

In the Rural area there are a huge number of possibilities with the group working on a priority list and access agreements with land owners. Recent contact with a land owner has shown the potential for a track along the Waimate Creek bank from Point Bush Road to Garlands road. There are real possibilities to develop a special short track close to town.

Along the banks of the Waitaki from Glenavy to Bells pond is another with potential as is the old rail line from Studholme to Douglas. Probably the most exciting potential from a truly environmental and nature point of view is Lake Wainono and the wetlands down there.

It is hoped action on track building will start when the weather warms. This will require some organising and a call for volunteers willing to get their hands dirty.

For us as a group it was very exciting to see the development of the Studholme Tracks by Grant Nelson and the Gama Foundation. I would like to record our sincerest thanks to Grant for his vision. The regeneration of native forest and the bird life on these tracks we see as a very valuable part of the network linking in well with the Whitehorse Walkway and the great work being done by Friends of Kelcey's Bush. And then there are Gunn's Bush and Mt Nimrod Tracks both with their own special native bush and birdlife.

All around us I see wonderful opportunities for Waimate. We have a great climate, we are central, we are a safe and caring society, We have many unique landscapes. All we need to do is to develop a network of tracks and promotional material and others can share in what we are so blessed to have at our fingertips.

I would like to record our thanks to Tony Alden, the Council CEO, and to Mayor John Coles for the use of the council chambers for meetings and for their support and wise counsel.

In conclusion I extend my grateful thanks to our committee for their support and enthusiasm. It has been a real pleasure working with you all.

From here I see action. We have talked the talk. Now we are rapidly approaching time to walk the walk. We are heading into a very exciting era!

Lets just do it!

Jim Rayner, Chairman
Waimate Trackways Inc.